

# **DRAFT PROPOSAL**

## **Millennium Agreement Tribal-State Committee**

Regarding Establishment of Oversight Body for Tribal-State Relations

### **ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

I, Tony Knowles, Governor of the State of Alaska, under the authority of art. III, secs. 1 and 24, of the Alaska Constitution, and in accordance with AS 44.19.145(c), establish the Governor's Council on Tribal-State Affairs (Council) and establish the Office of Tribal-State Affairs (Office) in the Office of the Governor.

### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Administrative Order is to recognize the need for centralized organization and focus in the executive branch to oversee tribal-state relations and implementation of the Millennium Agreement, dated April 11, 2001.

### **DUTIES OF COUNCIL**

The duties of the Council shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- (1) review, monitor, and recommend policies on issues related to tribal-state relations;
- (2) work toward greater understanding, tolerance, sensitivity, and awareness among Alaska's peoples and between tribal and state government officials and representatives;
- (3) compile and disseminate information about tribal and state government services;
- (4) develop and sponsor programs to inform tribal members/citizens and non-tribal citizens of the services available to them and to make tribal needs and concerns known to the public and private agencies whose programs and activities serve or affect them;
- (5) encourage and support public and private agencies to expand and improve their services for tribal members/citizens;
- (6) assess effects of state programs on tribes and tribal members/citizens and make recommendations to the appropriate agencies, as well as periodic follow-up of such agencies and programs;
- (7) promote increased participation by tribal members/citizens in state government affairs; and
- (8) report to the tribes, the governor, and the Alaska State Legislature on all matters of concern under the Millennium Agreement.

## **DUTIES OF OFFICE**

The duties of the Office include:

- (1) assisting the Council in carrying out the duties assigned by this Order to the Council and under the Millennium Agreement;
- (2) being the lead advocate for furthering tribal-state relations in the executive branch;
- (3) facilitating ongoing education and training of state agencies on matters essential to the implementation of the Millennium Agreement toward enhancing tribal-state relations;
- (4) assisting cabinet officials, in consultation with tribal government officials or their designees, with the development of protocols and procedures within each state agency to implement this Order and the Millennium Agreement; and
- (5) other duties assigned by the governor consistent with this Order.

The Office is accountable to the chief of staff in the Office of the Governor or the chief of staff's designee.

## **MEMBERSHIP OF COUNCIL**

The Council consists of at least 12 members, including 5 members who are commissioners of key state agencies, or the commissioner's designees, and who have experience and expertise in the subject matter of this Order. The remaining members include persons who (1) are members of a federally recognized tribe in Alaska that is a signatory to the Millennium Agreement, and (2) act under the authority of that federally recognized tribe.

The members of the Council are appointed by the governor to serve at the pleasure of the governor.

## **STATE PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO THE OFFICE**

The governor will assign necessary personnel to the Office.

## GENERAL PROVISIONS

General provisions are as follows:

(1) The governor will designate a member of the Council who is a state official, and a member who is not a state official, to be co-chairs of the Council.

(2) Meetings of the Council shall be conducted in accordance with the AS 44.62.310 (Open Meetings Law). Notice of Council meetings shall be posted on the Online Public Notice System. The Council shall keep a record of its meetings.

(3) Meetings shall occur at the call of the co-chairs. A simple majority of the Council constitutes a quorum for the purposes of conducting business.

(4) To reduce meeting and hearing costs, the Council may use teleconferencing or other electronic means to the extent practicable in order to gain the widest participation at minimum cost.

(5) Council members do not receive compensation as members of the Council. Members of the Council who are not state employees are entitled to per diem and travel expenses in the same manner permitted for members of state boards and commissions. Per diem and travel expenses for members of the Council who are state officials are the responsibility of the state agency for which the state official serves.

This Order takes effect immediately.

DATED at \_\_\_\_\_, Alaska, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2002.

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Tony Knowles  
Governor